

Remarks

Entry of the above-noted amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 3-7 and 9 are withdrawn from consideration. These amendments to the claims constitute a bona fide attempt by applicant to advance prosecution of the application and obtain allowance of certain claims, and are in no way meant to acquiesce to the substance of the rejections. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Claims 1-10 are pending with claims 3-7 and 9 withdrawn from consideration.

Election/Restriction

The Office Action stated on page 2:

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicant elects Species III with claims 1-2, 8, and 10 falling within the elected species.

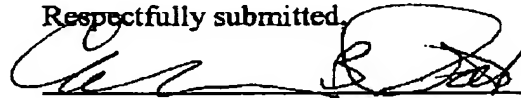
Claims 1-2 were indicated as being generic claims.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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